IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

TAKEUTI et al.

Art Unit: 2874

Application No.: 09/917,856

Examiner: D. Valencia

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 100725-00046

For:

PRELIMINARY MEMBER OF OPTICAL DEVICE COMPONENT WITH OPTICAL

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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

November 17, 2003

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated May 15, 2003 finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9 and 12.

Attached is our check for \$1,280.00 to cover the filing fees. The \$330.00 Appeal Fee is included.

The shortened statutory period expiring on August 15, 2003, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for an additional three months. Also included in our check is Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$950.00) as payment of the fee for the three month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account

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Respectfully submitted,

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